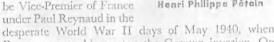
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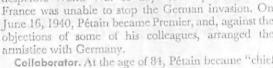
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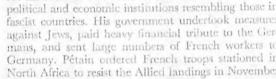
being elected to the French

Academy in 1929. Political Career. Pétain

served briefly as minister of war in 1934. His critics accused him of secret hostility to the French Republic and also of sympathy for the dictatorial government of Francisco Franco in Spain. He served as ambassador to Spain in 1939 and 1940. Pétain was called home to







The Germans overran all of France in 1942, and Pé tain became powerless. After the Allied troops landed in France in June 1944, the Germans took him to

Baden, where he remained until after the war. In 1945, Pétain was returned to France. In an atmos phere of intense bitterness, he was tried for treason. A the age of 89, he was found guilty, deprived of all hi

honors, and sentenced to death. General Charles d Gaulle reduced his sentence to life imprisonment, and Pétain died in jail at 95. ERMEST JOHN KNAPTO See also France (picture: Henri Philippe Pétain).

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Henri Philippe Pétain

of state" in the French government when its capital moved to Vichy. He accepted collaboration with Germany as an inescapable necessity. Before it dissolved

the French National Assembly voted to give Pétain ful powers and authorized him to create a new constitution. He launched a "national revolution" that established